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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

FOR: CE/EE/YA INFO C/CE/EE

SLUGS: WNINTEL [ ] BGFIEND  
SUBJECT: FURTHER PRESS ON BGFIEND

REFS: A. DIRECTOR 310129 93 4078049  
B. [ ] 11303 93 4044122

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. FURTHER TO REFS, THE 02 OCT EDITION OF "GAZETA SHQIPTARE" (ALBANIAN GAZETTE) CONTAINS ANOTHER FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON THE BGFIEND PROJECT. THE HEADLINE READS "SOMEONE BETRAYED CIA", WITH SUBHEADLINE "ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE HELPED HOXHA?" THE ARTICLE STARTS BY MENTIONING THE BROTHERS KABASHI WHOSE BONES WERE RECENTLY FOUND IN FIER, AND THEN GOES ON TO QUESTION WHO THE GUILTY PARTY WAS FOR THE FAILURE OF THE OPERATION. THE ARTICLE ANSWERS THE QUESTION BY STATING THAT YES, KIM PHILBY WAS THE MAIN GUILTY PARTY, BUT THEN NOTES THAT HE WAS ONLY ACTIVE UNTIL 1951 AND THE OPERATION WENT ON FOR TWO MORE YEARS WITH THE SAME DEGREE OF FAILURE. IT THEN GOES ON TO SUGGEST THAT THE ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE MAY HAVE BEEN INFORMING THE COMMUNISTS ABOUT THE PROJECT.

3. FILE: 002-120-036. DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82.  
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